

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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1. A stackable plant support comprising:
an upper ring;
a lower ring;
at least one leg attached to the upper ring and lower ring, the leg adapted to support the upper ring and lower ring and engage the ground, the leg comprising a ledge shaped so as to permit application of a downward force by a plant support user to engage the plant support with the ground;
the plant support shaped to enclose plants and support plant containers.
2. The stackable plant support of claim 1 wherein the lower ring has a larger diameter than the upper ring.
3. The stackable plant support of claim 1 wherein at least one ring is located between the upper ring and lower ring and attached to said at least one leg.
4. The stackable plant support of claim 1 wherein the plant support is made of wire.
5. The stackable plant support of claim 1 wherein the plant support is made of plastic.
6. The stackable plant support of claim 1 wherein said at least one leg is an elongated U-shaped member comprising a closed end and an open end defined by two portions of the U-shaped member;
the upper ring is attached to said at least one leg proximate the closed end such that a loop is formed above the upper ring by the closed end of the leg; and
the end of the two portions of the U-shaped member are adapted to engage the ground.
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7. The stackable plant support of claim 6 wherein the ledge is defined by a bend in the two portions of the U-shaped member, the ledge located below the position where the lower ring attaches to the U-shaped member.

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31 8. The stackable plant support of claim 1 wherein the upper ring and lower ring are shaped
32 so as to permit insertion of a plant container within the plant support, and upper ring adapted to
33 engage a portion of the plant container.
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35 9. The stackable plant support of claim 4 wherein the at least one leg is attached to the
36 upper ring and lower ring by any one of the group consisting of weld, solder, wrap, and epoxy.

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38 10. A plant cage apparatus comprising,
39 at least two arcuate parallel vertically spaced horizontally disposed members;
40 at least two legs attached to the circular members wherein each of said legs is formed
41 with an elongate inverted U-shaped member;
42 wherein the plant cage is adapted to support an associated plant;
43 a ledge formed on at least one leg of said legs for securement of the plant cage apparatus
44 relative to the associated plant; and
45 at least one loop formed by the connection of one of said legs and one of said arcuate
46 members for removal and transport of the plant cage apparatus.
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48 11 The plant cage apparatus of claim 10 wherein the two arcuate members are an upper ring
49 and a lower ring, the lower ring having a larger diameter than the upper ring, the upper and lower
50 ring shaped so as to facilitate the stacking of a plurality of plant cages, and to accommodate the
51 insertion of a plant container within the plant cage, the upper ring engaging a portion of the plant
52 container.

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54 12. A method for using a wire structure as both a supporting structure for plants and plant
55 containers comprising:

56 providing a wire structure centered about a vertical axis, the wire structure having: at
57 least two parallel rings vertically spaced and horizontally disposed connected to at least two U-
58 shaped legs extending downwardly from said rings, the wire structure defining an interior

59 volume; a ledge formed on at least one of said legs for securement of the wire structure; and at
60 least one loop formed by the connection of one of said legs and one of said rings for removal and
61 transport of the wire structure;

62 inserting the legs into the ground for using the wire structure as a support for plants,
63 wherein a downward force is applied to the ledge by a wire structure user to insert the legs into
64 the ground without causing damage to leg-to-ring connections of the wire structure; and

65 pulling up on said at least one loop to remove and transport the wire structure when the
66 wire structure is not in use.

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68 13. The method according to claim 12 further comprising inserting a plant container into the
69 interior volume of the wire structure, wherein the plant container is supported above the ground
70 by the wire structure.

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72 14. The method according to claim 12 further comprising inserting the legs into the ground
73 for using the wire structure as a support for plants, wherein a downward force is applied to the
74 ledge and said at least one loop by a wire structure user to insert the legs into the ground without
75 causing damage to leg-to-ring connections of the wire structure.

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77 15. The stackable plant support of claim 4 wherein the wire is made of a galvanized metal.

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79 16. A plant cage apparatus of claim 10 wherein the arcuate members are circular.

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